

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 5, 7, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zabeck et al. (US Patent Number 5,503,366)

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 5 has been canceled.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Claim 13 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 2 except for the dome-shaped stop cushion, which the Examiner indicated was not distinguishing, and the fact that the non-conductive insert extends beyond the end of the valve stop (Para [0017], line 4) has been added. This differentiates the insert of the instant application over the threaded insert of Zabeck. Applicants contend that these actions place claim 13 in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has allowed claims 3, 4, 8, 10-12, and 14.

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have taken this action, omitting only the limitation of the dome-shaped stop cushion which the Examiner indicated was not distinguishing.

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Applicants appreciate the thorough effort of the Examiner and believe this Amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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